

## PGD charges LCA held frosh; IFC Judcomm is investigating

By The Tech Staff

An incident involving the members of Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta is under investigation by the Inter-Fraternity Conference's judicial committee, *The Tech* has learned.

The investigation involves an alleged incident in which three Fiji freshmen were reportedly caught by LCA's as the former were painting out smoot marks on the Harvard Bridge one recent evening.

The treatment of the Fiji's, who were reportedly taken to the LCA house and held for several hours, was "fairly extreme" according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth Browning '66.

Browning said "the situation is being properly handled by Judcomm. They're interested in it. It is an effective committee. There is a lot they can handle. This is one of those things." He declined to provide any details of the treatment of the Fiji's.

The LCA pledge class is reportedly responsible each year for repainting the smoot marks, which mark the distance across the bridge; 364.4 smoots and one ear.

While cautioning he had no direct knowledge of the case, IFC President Mark Suchon '76 of DU said, when asked what his role was, "It's a pretty open question." He said reports he had heard were "distasteful." Suchon said he was involved in early mediation attempts.

"At the very beginning, I had a hand in it. I was talking to both houses, to get them to talk it out together and work out any differences. One house decided the best way to get justice was to go to Judcomm."

Suchon said he has not had any role in the case since it was referred to Judcomm.

IFC Judcomm chairman John Thain '77 of DU confirmed the investigation, and when told of the allegations above, said, "As far as I as I know that's all correct." He said the bridge incident happened several weeks ago.

"The rumors are unbelievable. They have gotten out of hand," Thain said, in commenting on widespread reports of the treatment the captured Fiji's received.

A PGD officer confirmed the occurrence of the bridge incident. LCA President John Cavolowsky '76 said, "There is some truth in your stories, but you've got them mixed up."

He added, "I would really like to hold off on things. I don't think this involves the MIT community. I want to be sure everyone has things under control first." Cavolowsky said he had not talked to anyone from IFC Judcomm about the bridge incident, and that he last spoke to Browning "several weeks ago."

He declined further comment and said he preferred not to speak about any of the specifics of the case.

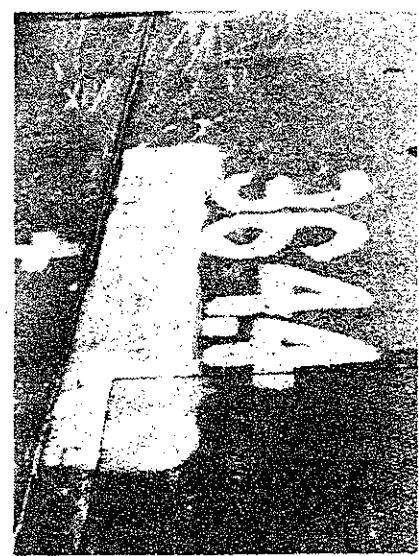
### Judcomm Action

Thain also declined to discuss any specific allegations. He said, "I really can't say too much. Judcomm will have a formal meeting on this, possibly this week."

The scheduling of the meeting depends on the Judcomm members involved, according to Thain, as well as the selection of the investigators for the case, and the speed with which they complete their report.

No investigators had been chosen as of Sunday night. The members of the Judcomm, besides Thain, are Mark Keough of TC, Ed Michaelson of DTD, Tom Gaskin '76 of PDT, John Ison '77 of TDC, and Bob Cherry '77 of DKE, Thain said.

Rob Colten of LCA was to be replaced for this case, since his house was involved. His replacement was Bob O'Brien



The word smoot, obliterated.

'77 of SPE.

The judicial process, Thain said, would involve a presentation of facts by the IFC investigators, at a hearing in which both houses involved would be represented.

He said Judcomm could dismiss the case, or reprimand the group or groups involved. It could also publicize the violations.

More serious sanctions, according to Thain, include probation, which would put the house under special scrutiny for a period of time, assessment for any damages, or a fine of not more than \$500.

The seriousness of the charges could not be confirmed by any of the officials involved in the Dean's office, the houses, or the IFC.

## Food tax applies to fraternities

By Paul Schindler

Since Nov. 19, the state meals tax of 8 per cent has applied to the food portion of fraternity housebills, with the first payment due Dec. 20, according to the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

However, legislative sources indicated last week that an effort will be made to exclude non-profit institutions from the tax.

The tax actually applied before, if the cost per meal was more than \$1, but it was rarely applied according to a department spokesman. "I do not know of any fraternities registered with the department," he said recently. "But now they will have to register and pay the tax."

On Nov. 19, the exemption for meals less than \$1 was lifted, ending the hazy exclusion under which both contract meals and fraternity food went untaxed. The outdated assumption was that the meals cost less than \$1.

Now, the Corporations and Taxation Department says, there must be a specific legislative exclusion, or else the tax must be collected. Failure to register with the Department, collect and pay the tax, could mean assessment for back taxes plus interest.

Filing of a false return is



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punishable by a \$1000 fine, or one year in prison, or both. One reading of the law could make the House Treasurer's position substantially less popular in some houses: he might be held personally responsible for the proper paying of the tax.

One legislator said "an effort is being and will be made to exempt non-profit institutions from the meals tax." That effort has until Dec. 19, if it is to beat the first payment deadline, 20 days after the end of the collection period, in this case the month of November.

James A. True of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts estimated the end of the \$1 exclusion, along with a previously announced policy change of charging the tax on contract meals, would cost college students in the state about \$5 million.

### Suit

The application of the tax to contract meals has been challenged in Suffolk Superior Court. There has been little action taken on the case.

The case seeks to have the meals tax application to contract meals suspended, not on the merits of a meals tax on non-profit institutions, but on

procedural grounds.

According to the suit, the tax commissioner should have held public hearings before changing the rules by which the tax is collected.

### What to do...

True suggested that, until there is some clarification, fraternities protect themselves by obeying the law. That involves going to the Bureau of Sales and Use Tax (Meals Tax), Room 801 Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, and picking up a registration form and information packet.

A taxation department official described the requirements of the law: "It is up to them (fraternities) to apportion their amounts for meals. You register with the state once. Payment is once a month, the 20th of the month following collections... You need food receipts and a copy of what you billed members."

He said the enforcement mechanism was a "random audit," but added, "Once things settle down we may go out and register the unregistered, and assess back taxes."

Compliance, True said, is "not impossible, in terms of paperwork. Restaurant owners do it. If some of them can, fraternity house treasurers can."

## News Analysis

### Can MIT operate year round?

By Thomas Mayer

(Mayer wrote for *The Tech* this term as a special student. A Dartmouth junior, he was written extensively for the school newspaper, *The Dartmouth* on their Year Round Operation. He is the paper's incoming managing editor - Editor)

Year Round Operation, recently recommended by the Task Force on the Engineering Program, has become a possible future for MIT.

Put simply, under Year Round Operation students

would be required to substitute one summer term for a traditional fall or spring. In this way, a large fraction - perhaps as much as one third - of the student body will be away from the institute every term, allowing MIT to increase the total size of the student body by that fraction.

There are advantages to Year Round Operation, but its installation is much more complicated than is normally believed. A few warnings seem clear in light of the experience of Dartmouth

College, which has been on Year Round Operation for three years.

The first and most important problem with Year Round Operation is Housing. Year Round's biggest proponent, Dean of the Graduate School Kenneth Wadleigh '43 believes shuttling students into and out of MIT will increase housing capacity and alleviate the current housing crunch.

Unfortunately, it will be difficult enough to control the shut-

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A fraternity lunch (TDC). Soon to be taxed?



## Fraternities face possible fixup

By Gerald Radack

A change in the fire regulations may force several fraternities to undertake expensive major renovations.

A new clause in the state building code apparently requires that the circular staircases found in several of the Back Bay fraternity houses be closed off, which would require major renovation, according to Associate Dean For Student Affairs Kenneth Browning '66.

Although past building codes have prohibited open stairwells in new buildings, Browning said, the new code is retroactive — it requires old buildings to meet this particular requirement.

Browning said that he was hoping to find an "offsetting provision" that would allow the

fraternities to meet safety requirements without having to renovate, and added that the Dean's office will hire students over IAP to "go over the code with a fine tooth comb" to see if the renovations are necessary.

One of the difficulties involved in closing the staircases, Browning explained, is that "if you put more than 20 percent of the valuation (into a renovation) you have to bring the entire building up to code." This could end up costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, he added, citing the recent renovation of the Number Six Club house on the campus, which cost \$600,000.

Browning said that so far "there have been no efforts that I know of of any enforcement

authorities to come in" and make the fraternities alter their buildings.

The fraternities are inspected every year when their lodging licenses are up for renewal, Browning said. He added that the inspector can withhold the license if he finds what he believes are building violations. Any fraternity which did not have a license could be closed down by authorities at any time.

The Dean's office is not recommending any course of action to the affected fraternities while "we try to get this compilation of the code so we have some facts."

Some of the off-campus houses were considering moving to the MIT campus anyway, he added.

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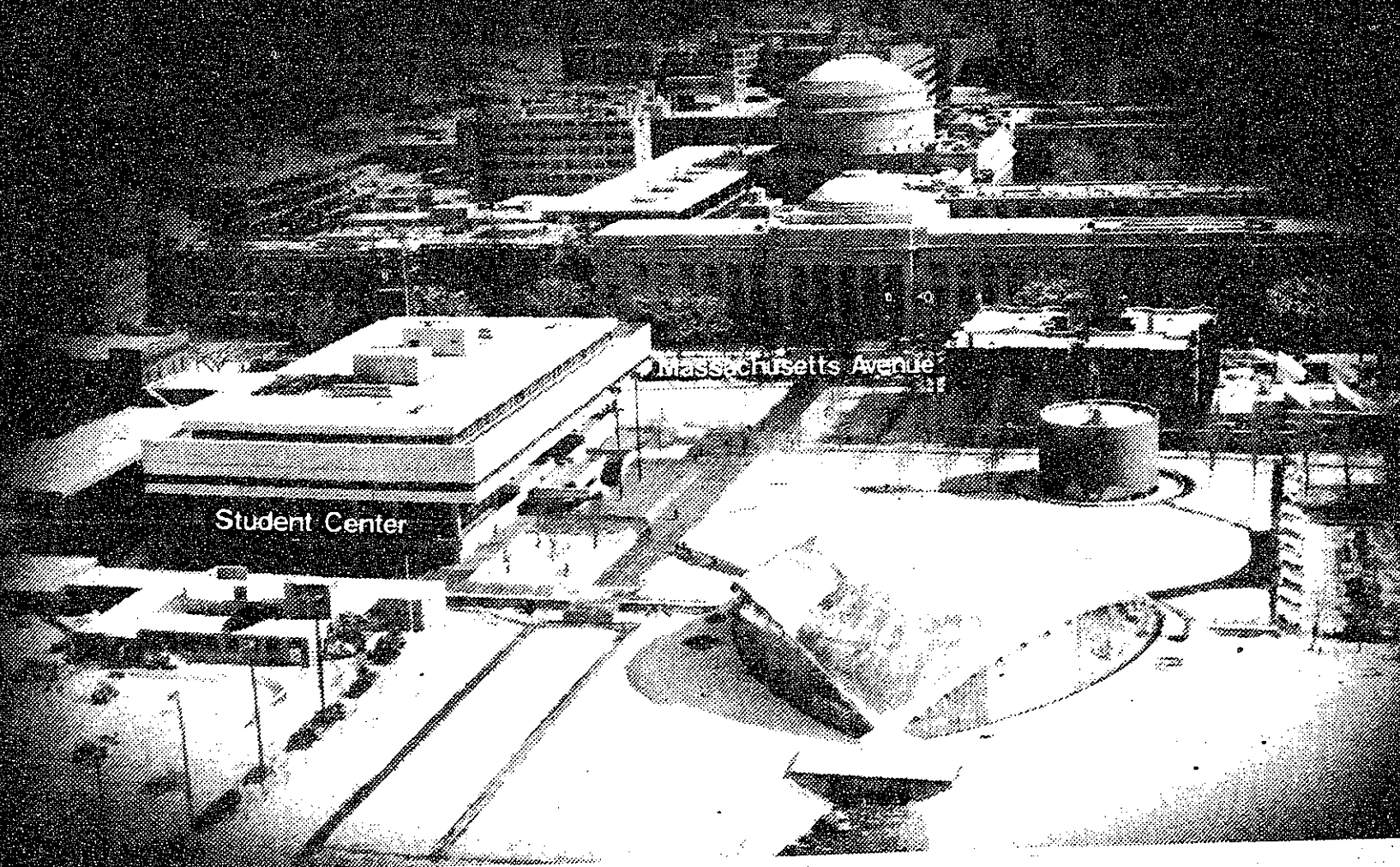
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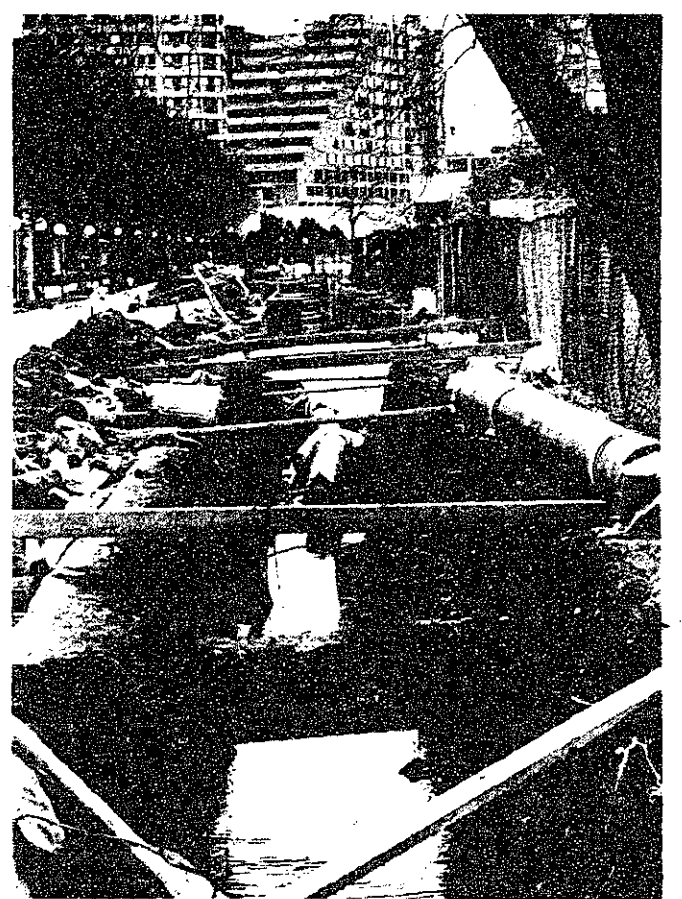
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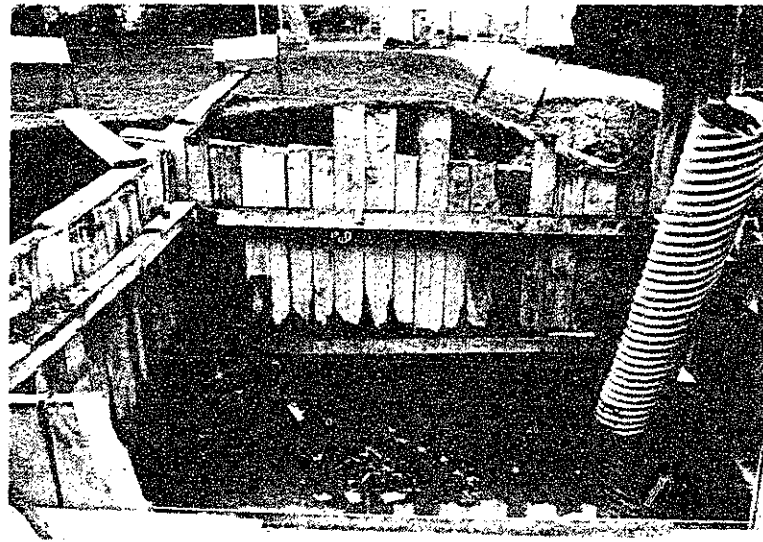
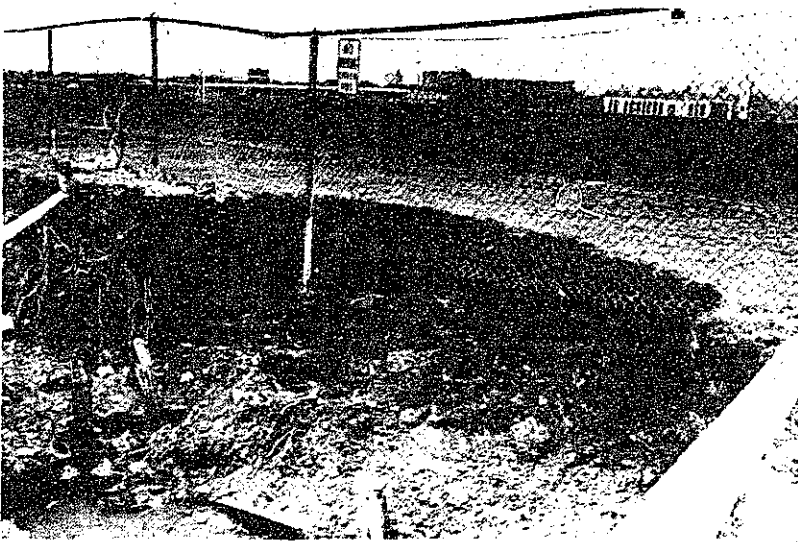
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## Letters to The Tech - Zionism and Racism

### Translation Questioned

To the Editor:

As a native speaker of the Hebrew language, and as one who is familiar with Jewish history, I could not ignore the lies which appeared in the commentary on "Racism in the Middle East" by the MIT Arab Club. Therefore, I intend to indicate and repudiate the most obvious lies in the order in which they appear.

The writers of that article claim that it is meaningless to accuse Arabs as being anti-Semitic since the Arabs themselves are Semites. This is similar to the way many Nazis used to answer to such an accusation by claiming that it is meaningless to call them anti-Semites since they like the Arabs very much. Just as "hit the sack" means to go to sleep, anti-Semitism means (e.g., Webster's dictionary) "hostility toward or discrimination against Jews as a religious or a racial group."

In trying to repudiate the accusation of Arabs being anti-Jewish, they claim that Arabs held great reverence for Judaism as a religion as their holy book the Koran teaches them. This is not true since the Koran disapproves with Judaism, a fact which even His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Al-Faisal, eldest son of assassinated King Faisal, brother of Saudi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Aziz Al-Saud who leads Saudi Arabia's desalination and solar energy program admitted in an interview that "he was raised on the Koran's admonition against Judaism and on hatred for the state of Israel." (This article by John P. Wallach appeared on Nov. 25, 1975 in the *Boston Herald American* on page 7.)

The most obvious lies are their statements about the slogans of Zionism: *Kubush Karka*, which in Hebrew means conquest of land, does not refer to Jewish ownership of land. This term implies the cultivation of uncultivated land by drying swamps in the valleys, and by reforestation of the mountains in order to arrest soil erosion. *Tozeret Ha'aretz* which means in Hebrew made in the land (Israel), has nothing to do with boycott of Arab goods. This is a

label which appears on Israel products, just as "made in Japan" appears on Japanese goods. *Tozeret Ha'aretz* was never used as a slogan.

The commentary ends by quoting David Hacohen who is supposed to be "a leader of the Mapai party that ruled and still rules Israel." The Mapai party ceased to be in 1963. The party split into three factions: one joined a leftist coalition, the second stayed out of active politics and the third group which was headed by Ben-Gurion tried without success to regain the power. After Ben-Gurion's death its members joined the opposition part Likud.

The use of lies to vilify Zionism is nothing new. Hitler, in his drive to annihilate the Jewish people, began by distorting the image of the Jew, by rewriting Jewish history, by fabricating some of the most odious historic and racial theories. The Arab Governments, in their campaign to complete Hitler's crimes against the Jewish people and destroy the Jewish state, have adopted the same method of falsifying Jewish history, and in particular the meaning of the Zionist movement and the significance of its ideals.

Since I want peace in the Middle East, I hope that the members of the MIT Arab Club who wrote the commentary in the tradition set by Hitler, the Mufti and Arafat, are not typical of the new Arab generation.

Andy Hershcovitch G  
Nov. 28, 1975

### Facts Taken Out of Context

To the Editor:

I have decided to write to *The Tech* to clear up what I feel are some major misconceptions presented by the MIT Arab Club in their article of Tuesday, Nov. 25. Many of the statements in that article, though literally correct, have been taken out of their philosophical and their historical contexts and thus are essentially only half truths.

The first of these is the distinction between Judaism and Zionism. There is no question that the two are not identical but it must be understood that the basic ideology of Zionism, the acceptance of Israel as the Jewish homeland and the re-

turn of the Jewish people to it, is also an intrinsic part of Judaism and has been since the days of the Babylonian exile in 586 BCE. This is most obviously reflected in the prayers of the religion. Every year on Passover, the holiday which celebrates the redemption of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, Jews around the world proclaim "Next year in Jerusalem" as they have for centuries. In the daily prayers, too, is included the passage "*Oo-le-Yerushalayim eerecha tashuv*," "and to Jerusalem, your city, you will return us." The re-establishment of the Jewish State in the area of the Middle East now called Israel is hardly a goal exclusive to the Zionists as the Arab Club article implies. Therefore, it is hard to condemn Zionism without also condemning Judaism. I submit that this, perhaps, was really the intent of the UN resolution.

There are other misconceptions in the Arab Club's article which must be cleared up. The most glaring of these are the interpretations of the Hebrew slogans which are included in the article. "*Keebush ha-karka*," "conquest of the land" certainly was a motto in the early days of Jewish resettlement but it is important to note that in those days no land was actually "conquered." Instead the Jewish National Fund was established in order to collect money abroad to purchase land in Palestine. In general the only land that was sold to them was that which was then considered the worst and most uninhabitable. It was only through the hard work of those early immigrants, who drained the uninhabited, malaria infested swamps that were sold to the JNF, that those areas were made habitable and cultivatable.

"*Keebush ha-avodah*," "the conquest of labor," does indeed mean that Jewish labor should be used whenever possible, but this was a philosophy which grew out of the socialist background of the early immigrants who were predominantly from Eastern Europe and Russia. They believed that they should profit only through their own labor and not through the labor of others. To this end they set up agricultural collectives and the ban against outside labor working in these collectives extended not only to Arabs but also to Jews who were not members of those collectives.

"*Toseret ha-aretz*," "produce of the land," does not mean

"the total boycott of Arab goods" but the use, whenever possible, of Israeli made goods. This is certainly justifiable, especially for a nation struggling for self-sufficiency. It is no different than "buying American" and the high import taxes in Israel extend to products of almost all countries.

Another misconception which must be clarified deals with the Law of Return, the law which allows Jews to become immediate citizens of Israel. Every country has laws governing immigration to that country. Most require a certain period of waiting time before an immigrant can become a citizen. In Israel this period is three years, but this restriction was relaxed for Jews, partially in order that Jewish immigrants, escaping persecution, would have no problems gaining entrance to the country.

Zionism is synonymous with Jewish Nationalism. What the issue boils down to is not whether Zionism, and therefore nationalism, is or is not racism, but whether the Jewish people have a right to a national homeland and, more broadly, whether any people has that right. If the answer to this second question is no, then most of the world is in the wrong. All nationalistic movements must be condemned. If any people has a right to a homeland then this right must not be applied selectively. This is the mistake of the Palestinian Liberation Movement. They demand this right for themselves while at the same time refusing it to Israel and it is primarily for this reason that the Israelis will not sit down with them at a negotiating table.

When the Arab countries, and PLO clearly recognize the right of the Jewish State and Zionism to exist, then the road will be paved toward a real settlement of the true problems that the situation presents.

Andrew A. Stern '79  
Nov. 25, 1975

### Racism is Human Nature

To the Editor:

The debate over Middle East racism in your Nov. 25 issue was quite illuminating. I wish to add one comment to what has already been said. It is clear that the Jews are calling the Arabs racist, and that the Arabs are

calling the Jews (or at least the Zionists among the Jews) racist. In other recent issues of *The Tech*, blacks have called whites racist, and whites have called blacks racist. One might assume from all this that everyone is a racist, and in a sense it is true.

The challenge which is raised by a debate on such an issue as racism is to recognize that despite the effects of historical, political and institutional factors, each one of us carries a major source of every societal problem within our own minds, in the lobe of the brain commonly referred to as "human nature." The "natural" human condition may not actually be one of hate and conflict, but we put the label "natural" on whatever situation we find to be prevalent in our world, and inhumanity definitely seems to be more common than humanity, as far as most of the evidence in front of us indicates.

Few people believe that "human nature" can be conquered. But it must be. Even if we were to wake up one sunny morning to find ourselves with enough food, housing and shelter for everyone in the world to live in comfort (and for the Arabs and Jews, and blacks and whites, to live in equality side by side), how many people would be contented with that situation? Our minds would still try to convince us to be jealous of others, and jealousy leads to hatred, and individual hatred leads to societal divisiveness, and we'd be back where we started from. The way out of this perpetual dilemma is for each one of us who cares to isolate the nasty part of his or her mind and act with firm determination to get rid of it. Those who are really trying to do this sincerely (and it ain't easy) are finding that the results are unbelievable. And every day more people are seeing the importance of such a strategy.

Peace on Earth might be possible, but only if we all learn to cooperate, and we'll never be able to cooperate unless we have peace in our individual minds first.

Mort Jonas '76  
Nov. 25, 1975

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# Letters to The Tech

## Don't Take Risks With Human Lives

To the Editor:

There was a shocking article in *Tech Talk* of Nov. 5 about nuclear energy plants. It was one of those pieces whose blandly official prose pretends to be merely informative, but whose very objectivity washes out the meaning of its subject. Such objectivity about human life and health is like the objectivity of counting corpses in a pile — it treats people like so much meaningless matter and denies that human life *must* outweigh considerations of economic efficiency and "progress." Anyone who can calmly gamble human welfare against economic advantages is far from being value-free, but has rather traded a belief in people for a belief in things. As long as there is a chance of some enormous and irreversible disaster — however remote — these plants are too dangerous to build. This is one of those problems for which a study of mathematical probability is simply not appropriate.

The article implied that nuclear power is a safe solution to our fuel shortage and that we all can breathe a sigh of relief because an expensive study says there is nothing to fear from the construction of such power plants. But when one looked closer, it turned out that it was in fact about "potential accidents" in such plants and that the comfort was worked up over the amount of expense and care that went into the study. Buried in the assurances that it took 60 people 3 years to work out the probabilities of dangerous accidents, was the astonishing finding that the risks to human life and health if something went wrong in such a plant would not be so bad as those of "non-nuclear risks to which society is exposed." In other words, the dangers of nuclear accidents can be pooh-poohed because other threats as serious already exist in

this world. This is like urging us to fill in as targets in a knife-throwing act because we may get killed in a car accident anyway, although there are no proper analogies because the risks are not merely limited to individuals but threaten future generations of the species as well. Tellingly, the results of the study were reported chiefly in terms of visible property damage — from the statement that "more dollars' worth of damage was likely from non-nuclear accidents than from nuclear plant accidents, to the unblinking assurance that the only expected "latent health effects" detectable from such accidents were "thyroid nodules," which can be "diagnosed and successfully treated" (although only, of course, if caught early through regular medical check-ups).

There was not a word about the qualitatively different dangers of radiation pollution, or the way that this sort of pollution does not break down for generations, so that the radiation effects of any accidents are additive. Nor was there mention of the "non-accident" hazards of such a plant — the leakage in everyday operations, or the fact E.F. Schumacher (a leading economist and 20 year head of England's National Coal Board) reminds us of: that when such plants are used up in 20 to 30 years, "they cannot be dismantled and cannot be shifted but have to be left standing where they are, probably for centuries, perhaps for thousands of years, an active menace to all life, silently leaking radioactivity in the air, water, and soil."

It is really absurd to be lulled by official assurances that this new danger is not really any more alarming than those threats to which we have already been forcibly adapted. Rather we should be asking whether there are sufficient current benefits to

us to warrant the risks to which a host of other industrial decisions subject us. Already foods without harmful preservatives cost more than those which can sit on supermarket shelves for months and months; people in Tokyo pay for breathable air; many people here in Cambridge, buy bottled spring water rather than drinking down the lead traces from ancient water mains. The world into which we were all born freely sharing is being so corrupted that one has to pay for clean air and water: our powerlessness to halt these encroachments even makes us doubt our right to clean air, water, and soil. But we must not be so numbed by the relentless energy needs of our technologically oriented society that we surrender our health, our lives, and our unborn children to some horrible nightmare of "prosperity." We must try to decipher the official propaganda and be clear about just what bill of goods we are being sold.

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## ROTC Situation Clarified

To the Editor:

Thank you for your interest in the ROTC programs at MIT as evidenced by the Eileen Mannix article on Air Force ROTC. There is one area of confusion, however, which I would like to bring to your attention for clarification. The Northeastern students that are enrolled in Air Force ROTC do not take the same curriculum as MIT Air Force ROTC students.

The MIT cadets enroll in what we call the alternate curriculum program. Under this program the MIT student takes some courses from Air Force instructors and some courses from MIT professors to complete the Air Force ROTC academic requirements. The Northeastern students take courses only from Air Force ROTC academic instructors,

according to what we call the Air Force standard curriculum. The two academic programs are separate and different and Northeastern students do not register at MIT, take courses from MIT professors, or receive academic credit from MIT.

Perhaps one other comment is in order. I was under the impression that the purpose of Ms. Mannix's article was to portray the growth of ROTC at MIT. I am therefore surprised she did not comment on the significant increase in enrollment as a result of substantial increases in four year scholarships awarded to MIT freshmen. We would be pleased to see a follow-up article which would fill in these missing facts.

Larry Schwartzman  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Director, Air Force ROTC  
Oct. 30, 1975

## Condom Controversy Continued

To the Editor:

In regard to Farrell Peternal's letter (Oct. 31). I must agree that he made gross misstatements and went overboard. But your reply raised more questions than it settled.

Admittedly, there will always be some people that will take offence at some ads, whether they be for birth control, alcohol, or Army ROTC. And, admittedly, the former is no longer the volatile issue it used to be.

*The Tech* says that "Peternal has chosen to take a regressive and almost Victorian view." It is unfortunate that the only way *The Tech* can answer his complaint is with name-calling. Also, I doubt I would have to go back to the Victorian era to find a time when birth control methods were not advertised in college newspapers.

Besides, I do not believe that the main issue at hand is the idea of birth control. The ad has the caption "delicately ribbed to

help a woman let go," and declines in subtlety from that point on. Whereas such an ad would offend no one if it appeared in *Playboy*, *The Tech* has a slightly different readership. Condoms have been tastefully advertised elsewhere, and there is no reason why *The Tech* could not run such ads.

As for the defense that "The Tech would be far less professional if it refused ads on the basis of a whimsical minority's decision" I feel that you are dead wrong on both counts. First, I would not consider the people who were (or would be) disturbed by the ad a "whimsical minority." Secondly, the mass media are, whether they like it or not, a powerful political force, with attendant responsibilities. (This is the "professionalism" that *The Tech* attempts to use to justify its position.) Is it right to totally ignore the convictions of a group of people just because they are a minority?

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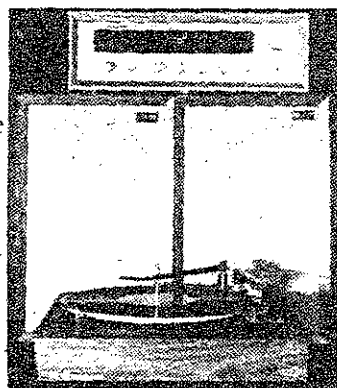
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## News Analysis

## Will Year Round Operation work at MIT?

(Continued from page 1)  
tling into and out of dormitories — it will be impossible to organize fraternity housing.

MIT houses some 30 percent of its undergraduates in fraternities, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth Browning '66. Under Year Round Operation, fraternities will have to accept a third more members to keep their beds filled in the traditional fall or spring terms. But this means that each fraternity, like the Institute, will have to have one third of its members away each term. Each house will have trouble meshing the enrollment patterns of its brothers to ensure that every third member will be away each term.

Dartmouth fraternities have no problems handling Year Round Operation because more than half of the fraternity membership lives in dormitories (as "social members"); a reserve pool exists for fraternities to draw upon as they develop vacancies each term. Since MIT fraternity members are defined as living in fraternities, this pool

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doesn't exist; Year Round Operation may bring chaos to this significant MIT housing stock.

At Dartmouth, the number of enrolled students living in fraternities has declined by 25 percent since the advent of Year Round Operation, partially because fraternity rooms are occupied by brothers who are not enrolled but still living in Hanover, New Hampshire.

As least as many MIT brothers will want to stay in Boston; insofar as they stay at their fraternities — and it's unlikely any house would evict a brother simply because he wasn't enrolled — they will deny spaces to enrolled students. The total number of students housed in fraternities may increase under Year Round Operation, but the fraternities will have fewer places each term for enrolled students than they do now.

If fraternity housing will be crippled by Year Round Operation, Off Campus housing may well be destroyed. Only 250 Dartmouth students have lived off campus, and the halving of that number since 1971 was difficult but not impossible for the College to handle; for MIT, the stakes are much higher, with slightly under 1000 students off campus.

Dartmouth found that Hanover landlords were unwilling to sign leases with students who are shuttling on and off campus every six months. Dexter Kamelovitch, MIT's Director of Off Campus Housing, predicted the same reaction from Boston landlords.

Students with year leases attempting to sublease would also have problems; Kamelovitch said that the subleasing market disappears between October and New Years, and from February to June — precisely the periods when exiting students will be looking for subtenants.

In sum, the disruptions of Year Round Operation will significantly reduce the amount of housing presently available each term. Boston is not Hanover, and MIT is certainly not Dartmouth College, but if the proportions hold MIT stands to lose 600 spaces now available each term.

If the Institute installs fixed enrollment patterns, in which students are told what terms they will be on campus, none of these problems will exist. The Institute and therefore the fraternities will know exactly who is going away each term, and will plan accordingly.

Kamelovitch's alma mater, Northeastern University, has a fixed-enrollment Year Round system, and Kamelovitch believes that increasing MIT's

ing, and no operational planning is immediately required; however, the problems of operating MIT for twelve months should figure in that decision making process. Housing is not the only problem MIT will face. In view of the incredibly antiquated procedures of other parts of the MIT administration blanket confidence that all problems will be handled may be foolhardy.

#### Other changes

The entire registration system will have to be changed for Year Round Operation. Dartmouth Registrar Douglas Fowen said his office was able to survive YRO only by computerizing registration and course changes. By comparison, the MIT system of class cards and manual registration is a relic from the Dark Ages.

The same holds true for the Bulletin. MIT issues a list of course offerings about two months before the next year begins; under Year Round Operation, that bulletin will have to predict courses two and a half years in advance.

Can the MIT faculty plan future course offerings? To assume that Year Round Operation will "force" educational planning and innovation is to shoot craps with the education of students then enrolled.

There is also the question of keeping track of students who will be off campus. That will increase the mailing expenses of the Institute, and may force increases in personnel.

This survey of problems is not meant to belittle the Wadleigh Report. Dean Wadleigh has researched Year Round Operation at half-a-dozen campuses; this reporter has a knowledge of one. There are several factors which uniquely suit MIT for Year Round Operation.

According to Browning's statistics, MIT has a large proportion of single-person rooms, and Year Round Operation will not, therefore, bring room-mate switching problems. (The predominance of doubles at Brown University may very well make it impossible for the University to go Year Round — students would be handed different roommates every term.) Dartmouth has had problems placing students in fall or spring jobs, because the business world gives vacations planning on hiring summer students; on the other hand, many Dartmouth students are Liberal Arts types with no saleable skills, a disability which would not affect budding engineers.

Year Round Operation, Wadleigh says, would enable the Institute to hire more professors. It might even cut costs — Wadleigh has a financial model which predicts "significant" financial benefits "if we disci-

pline ourselves." Wadleigh sees the alternatives to Year Round, including higher tuition, higher dorm rents, and an aging multi-

### MIT is impersonal now. It may get worse under YRO.

fied faculty as being much worse than any problems with Year Round Operation. YRO has definitely helped Dartmouth avoid the kind of fiscal crunch that hit Yale several years ago and is now hurting Brown.

It probably is more efficient to use the summer term — although such statements should be made with caution, since such use might lose the revenue derived from renting MIT facilities to business affairs every summer. Brammer said that using the summer term "would affect the maintenance we (Housing) do,"

which would be another cost of Year Round Operation.

These problems are covered in Wadleigh's report, so presumably they are in his model, which he declined to release. Year Round Operation has been a good thing at Dartmouth — it could be a good thing at MIT, but it may need more planning.

In conclusion, there is one other problem with Year Round Operation which MIT must face. Dartmouth found that Year Round Operation "dehumanized" the college to some degree. It is surprising to a biased outsider separated from the healthy life of dorms, how closely the Institute already fits its outside reputation as a cold mechanistic place to spend an undergraduate career.

Year Round Operation could increase the impersonality of the Institute. No matter what it means to the administration and faculty, it can be hoped it matters to the students.

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# Sports

## BENCHWARMER

By Paul Schindler

Historically, this newspaper has called for the abolition of the physical education requirement which now saddles undergraduates with four quarters of PE or its varsity sports equivalent.

For years, the argument was, "If it's so good, why don't the women have to do it." MIT's response to that was to extend the PE requirement to women.

Such protests often coincidentally coincided with periods when editors of the newspaper were having a hard time collecting enough PE credits to graduate. Newspaper work tends to lead to a certain amount of class cutting. But since attendance is the only criterion for successful completion of a PE course, PE courses are not compatible with newspaper work. This has led to a certain level of animosity in the past. Rarely, if ever, have editors had the chance to step back, apply some perspective, and analyze the PE program in the broader context of life.

Now that I've been out (sort of) for a year and a half, I can see clearly that the four terms of PE instruction I had at MIT were not the enormous burden they seemed at the time, but were rather a valuable experience that imparted skills I will cherish for a lifetime.

A little heavy, right? Well, all I ever got from JV football and varsity wrestling at Benson High School, besides the thrill of competition, was a left knee that doesn't work too well because all of its cartilage is missing. It seems rather unlikely that I will ever again don football pads or wrestling togs for a few quick quarters or rounds.

Certainly there was all that sportsmanship and competition, like it says in the books, although it hardly ever mentions that juniors who still play JV, or even second-string varsity, get to be known as "fish," an appellation by which several former high school wrestlers from Portland, Oregon would more readily identify me than my real name.

From MIT, I got (after passing the swimming test and toying with weightlifting) volleyball, squash and sailing. I don't sail much, but I still play squash every week, and my volleyball, in season, (summer, at the beach) is better than it might otherwise have been.

So what? Well, squash keeps me from being more of a butterball than I already am, and is a marvelous release of pent-up hostility which is much more acceptable to society than, say, smashing parking meters.

## Hoopsters open season tonight

By Glenn Brownstein

Lack of depth and relative inexperience beyond the starting five appear to be MIT's major hurdles to overcome as the Engineers attempt to achieve their first winning season in four years.

Fran O'Brien begins his fourth season as head varsity basketball coach with impressive starting talent and a weak bench.

The keys to any success at all this season are MIT's high-scoring forwards Cam Lange '76 and Peter Jackson '76. Lange, who averaged over 22 points per game last season, and Jackson, who poured in an average of 18 while pulling down over eleven rebounds in each contest, will be expected to provide the Engineers with the same scoring and rebounding leadership as last season. An injury to either player during the season would severely hamper the team's chances for a successful year.

John Cavolowsky '76 will be MIT's other starting forward, a 45% shooter adept at boxing out for rebounds against taller opponents.

The Engineers will start Kenny Armstead '76 and Peter Maimonis '77 at guard to round out the first five. Armstead, despite being only 5-9, is a talented outside shooter and quick ballhandler who should be able to set up MIT's offense efficiently, while Maimonis is an aggressive playmaker able to impart additional movement to the Engineer attack.

In January, the team will gain the services of highly-rated transfer student John Doyle '76 at guard. Doyle should be able to work his way into the top eight ballplayers and give the Engineers three backcourt men with starting capabilities.

Glenn Stark '76, Glenn Tuckman '77, Rick Van Etten '78, and Tom Berman '79 are all capable guards who will be called upon to make a substantial contribution coming off the bench.

At forward, MIT's reserves will consist of Marc Thompson '76, John Wozniak '79, Lenny Nethersole '77, and Howard Runge '78. Thompson saw limited action last year, but will be called upon for major portions of ballgames this season. The Engineers' other key forward reserve is freshman John Wozniak, who has worked his way up to sixth man in just six weeks of practice with hustling defense and consistent offensive contributions.

Nethersole and Runge are JV leading scorers from 1974 and 1975, respectively, who will see limited action, although with MIT's bench so shallow, they may get more playing time than expected.

In the six-game scrimmage schedule just completed, the Engineers demonstrated a dependence on Lange and Jackson and a tendency to get into serious foul trouble early in the games. MIT appeared to have shaken its late-game collapse habit in the pre-season contests, but that will have to come out in the regular season.

MIT's only pre-season win was against Boston State, NCAA New England Division III representatives last year, losing to Babson, Salem State, Acadia, Bridgewater State, and Southeastern Massachusetts. The last two defeats were due primarily to a slight injury to Lange in the Bridgewater scrimmage, and the absence of Jackson (away for the holiday for personal reasons).

MIT begins its season tonight

against another NCAA Division III tournament representative of last year, Brandeis University. The Judges topped MIT last year, 78-72, but lost All-New England guard Mike Fahey and as a result should be somewhat weaker than last season's squad.

Other schools on the Engineer schedule this year include NCAA representative RPI and Suffolk, highly-rated Bates, Trinity, Tufts, and Coast Guard teams, and one "major college" opponent, Northeastern.

Game time for the season opener tonight is 8:15, with a JV game against Brandeis at 6:15.

## Sporting Notices

There will be an IM Council meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7pm in the Varsity Club Lounge. Elections will be held for managers of rifle, sailing, softball, and track.

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Entry cards and rosters for the inaugural Institute Pool Tournament are due in the IM Office (W32-123) by 5pm Friday.

Only team entries consisting of five players will be accepted, and independent groups that enter must be able to provide a table for match play. All matches will be held on the tables of entered teams.

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